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SUBJECT: UNIONS AND ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL THREATEN INDUSTRIAL
ACTION

1. SOME SIXTEEN THOUSAND TRADE UNION MEMBERS WILL WALK OFF JOBS IN DOCK AND SHIPYARD AREAS BELFAST SEPT. 4 TO HOLD MASS MEETING. HOUR LONG RALLY WILL PROTEST ALLEGED GOVERNMENTAL ACTION QUOTE PURSUING A POLICY WHICH IS SEPARATING NORTHERN IRELAND INDUSTRY FROM THE REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM UNQUOTE. MOST OF WORKERS WILL COME FROM HARLAND WOLFF SHIPYARD. THEY PROTESTING RUMORED EXCLUSION SHIPYARD REPRESENTATIVES FROM NATIONWIDE ENTERPRISE BOARD AND INTEND MOUNT CAMPAIGN SEEKING SOLIDARITY WITH BRITISH TRADE UNIONS. ULSTER UNION SPOKESMEN POINT OUT GENERAL U.K. ECONOMIC CRISIS BEING FELT EVEN MORE SEVERELY IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

2. ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL (UWC) REPRESENTATIVE JIM SMYTH CLAIMED SEPT. 3 THERE GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE FROM RANK-AND-FILE FOR ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE ON PATTERN MAY 1974. SMYTH STATED "WORKERS" FIRST DEMAND IS FOR TERMINATION CONTACTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PROVISIONAL IRA. SMYTH CALLED FOR CLOSURE INCIDENT CENTERS. UWC INCLUDES TRADE UNIONISTS
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BUT IT INFLUENCED HEAVILY BY PROTESTANT PARAMILITARY GROUPS AND

IS MORE PREOCCUPIED WITH POLITICS THAN WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES.
MOOD IN ULSTER BEST DESCRIBED AS JITTERY BUT SUPERFICIAL
IMPRESSION IS THAT THERE NO RPT NO MASS SUPPORT FOR GENERAL
STRIKE NOW.
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